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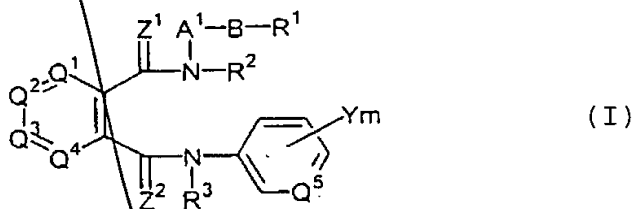
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1. An aromatic diamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



- {wherein A¹ is a (C₁-C₈) alkylene group; a substituted
- 5 (C₁-C₈) alkylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
- 10 (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)-alkenylene group; a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group
- 15 having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
- 20 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-

alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl
 groups and phenyl group; a (C_3-C_8)alkynylene group; or a
 substituted (C_3-C_8)alkynylene group having one or more
 same or different substituents selected from halogen
 5 atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl
 groups, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups,
 (C_1-C_6)-alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups,
 (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl
 groups, (C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-
 10 C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6)alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl
 groups, (C_1-C_6)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;
 in the (C_1-C_8)alkylene group, the substituted
 (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3-C_8)alkenylene group, the
 substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, the (C_3-C_8)-
 15 alkynylene group or the substituted (C_3-C_8)alkynylene
 group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted
 with a (C_2-C_5)alkylene group to form a (C_3-C_6)cycloalkane
 ring; further in the (C_1-C_8)alkylene group, the
 substituted (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3-C_8)alkenylene
 20 group or the substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, any
 two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group
 or an alkenylene group to form a (C_3-C_6)cycloalkane ring
 or a (C_3-C_6)cycloalkene ring;

B is $-CO-$ or $-C(=N-OR^4)-$ (wherein R^4 is a
 25 hydrogen atom; a (C_1-C_6)alkyl group; a halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl
 group; a (C_3-C_6)alkenyl group; a halo(C_3-C_6)alkenyl
 group; a (C_3-C_6)alkynyl group; a (C_3-C_6)cycloalkyl group;
 a phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl group; or a substituted phenyl(C_1-

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5 *Sub C2* C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups);

15 R¹ is, a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a
20 substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl

groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from

5 halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl

10 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyloxy group; a substituted phenyloxy group having one or more same or

15 different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-

20 C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a

25 substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy

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5 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups;

20 R¹ may bond with A¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

25 R² and R³ may be the same or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group or -A²-R⁵ [wherein A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -C(=NR⁶)- (wherein R⁶ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be

the same or different; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a
 phenyl group; or a substituted phenyl group having one
 or more same or different substituents selected from
 halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl
 5 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl
 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-
 10 C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein
 the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and
 (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups), a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a
 halo(C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a
 halo(C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group
 15 or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group;

(1) when A² is -C(=O)-, -C(=S)- or -C(=NR⁶)-
 (wherein R⁶ has the same definition as given above), R⁵
 is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)-
 alkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl
 20 group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a
 substituted phenyl group having one or more same or
 different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
 cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-
 C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy
 25 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
 alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino

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group; or a substituted phenyl (C_1-C_4) alkoxycarbonyl
 group having, on the ring, one or more same or
 different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
 cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo(C_1-
 5 C_6) alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6) alkoxy
 groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6) alkylthio
 groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-
 C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups,
 halo(C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1-C_6) alkylamino
 10 groups, di(C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
 groups may be the same or different, and (C_1-
 C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups); and R^7 is a (C_1-C_6) alkyl
 group; a halo(C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a (C_3-C_6) alkenyl group;
 a halo(C_3-C_6) alkenyl group; a (C_3-C_6) alkynyl group; a
 15 halo(C_3-C_6) alkynyl group; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a
 halo(C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl
 group; a halo(C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyl group; a (C_1-C_6)-
 alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted
 phenyl group having one or more same or different
 20 substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group,
 nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6) alkyl
 groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups,
 (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups,
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 25 groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)-
 alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C_1-C_6) alkylamino groups,
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groups; a phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group; a substituted phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group having, on the ring, one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups);

(2) when A² is a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₈)alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group, R⁵ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C₃-C₆)-

cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁴-R⁹ (wherein A⁴ is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁸)- (R⁸ has the same definition as given above), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above);

(i) when A⁴ is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -N(R⁸)-

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- different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group,
- 5 (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
- 10 mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups;
- (ii) when A⁴ is -C(=O)- or -C(=N-OR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), R⁹ is a hydrogen
- 15 atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a
- 20 mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group,
- 25 (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-

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Q^1 to Q^4 may be the same or different and are each a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom which may be substituted with X, and X may be the same or different,

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and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ [wherein A⁵ is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -C(=O)-, -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a

halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a C₂-C₆alkynylene group or a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynylene group;

- (1) when A⁵ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, R¹⁰ is a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkenyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁶-R¹¹ (wherein A⁶ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₃-C₆)-

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alkenylene group, a (C₃-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynylene group, and R¹¹ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁷-R¹² (wherein A⁷ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, and R¹² is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)alkynyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino

groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups));

(2) when A⁵ is -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁴)- (R⁴ has the same definition as given above), R¹⁰ is a (C₁-C₆)-alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group; a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-

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alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino
 groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
 groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
 5 alkoxy carbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a
 substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one
 or more same or different substituents selected from
 halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl
 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
 10 halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl
 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-
 alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein
 15 the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and
 (C₁-C₆)alkoxy carbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a
 substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same
 or different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
 cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-
 20 C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
 alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino
 25 groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
 groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
 alkoxy carbonyl groups;

(3) when A⁵ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a

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halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynylene group, R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁸-R¹³ (wherein A⁸ is -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-, and R¹³ is a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group;

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a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁹-R¹⁴ (wherein A⁹ is a (C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenylene group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynylene group or a halo(C₃-C₅)alkynylene group, and R¹⁴ is a hydrogen atom; a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a

(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl group; a (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenyloxy group; a substituted phenyloxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms,

cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups))];

the two Xs bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q¹ to Q⁴ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,

(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
 alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups,
 di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups
 5 may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl
 groups;

Q¹ is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different, and is a
 halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a halo(C₃-
 10 C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted
 phenyl group having one or more same or different
 substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group,
 nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
 15 (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
 (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
 alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups,
 di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups
 20 may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl
 groups; a heterocyclic group; a substituted
 heterocyclic group having one or more same or different
 substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group,
 nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl
 25 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
 (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
 (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl
 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-

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alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ (A⁵ and R¹⁰ each have the same definition as given above);

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, phenyl group, substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups, heterocyclic groups, and substituted heterocyclic groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms,

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2. An aromatic diamide derivative or a salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A¹ is a (C₁-C₈)alkylene group; a substituted (C₁-C₈) alkylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group; a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio

groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group; or a substituted (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; in the (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the substituted (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group, the substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group, the (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group or the substituted (C₃-C₈)alkynylene group, any saturated carbon atom may be substituted with a (C₂-C₅)alkylene group to form a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkane ring; further in the (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the substituted (C₁-C₈)alkylene group, the (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group or the substituted (C₃-C₈)alkenylene group, any two carbon atoms may be combined with an alkylene group or an alkenylene group to form a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkane ring or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkene ring;

B is -CO- or -C(=N-OR⁴)- (wherein R⁴ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl

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15 R^1 is a hydrogen atom; a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a
halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group; a
halo (C_2-C_6) alkenyl group; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a
halo (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a
halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a
20 halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a mono (C_1-C_6) alkylamino
group; a di (C_1-C_6) alkylamino group wherein the two alkyl
groups may be the same or different; a phenyl group; a
substituted phenyl group having one or more same or
different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
25 cyano group, nitro group, (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo $(C_1-$
 $C_6)$ alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy
groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio
groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo $(C_1-C_6)-$

alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino
groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
5 alkoxy carbonyl groups; a phenylamino group; a
substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring, one
or more same or different substituents selected from
halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl
groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
10 halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl
groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-
alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein
15 the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and
(C₁-C₆)alkoxy carbonyl groups; a phenyloxy group; a
substituted phenyloxy group having one or more same or
different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-
20 C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy
groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio
groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino
25 groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
alkoxy carbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a
substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or

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each a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom which may be substituted with X; X may be the same or different, and is a halogen atom, a nitro group, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group or a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; the two Xs bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q¹ to Q⁴ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups;

Q⁵ is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom; a cyano group; a nitro group; a halo(C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl

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5 groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)-
alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein
the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and
(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; a
substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same
or different substituents selected from halogen atoms,
cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-
C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy
groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio
10 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino
groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl
groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
15 alkoxy carbonyl groups; or -A⁵-R¹⁰ (A⁵ and R¹⁰ each have
the same definition as given in Claim 1);

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon
atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q⁵ may
bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the
20 condensed ring may have one or more same or different
substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl
groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups,
halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups,
25 halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl
groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, phenyl group,
substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or
different substituents selected from halogen atoms,

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- cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-
- 5 alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups, heterocyclic groups, and
- 10 substituted heterocyclic groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio
- 15 groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-
- 20 alkoxycarbonyl groups;

m is an integer of 0 to 5;

Z¹ and Z² are each an oxygen atom.

3. An aromatic diamide derivative or a salt thereof according to Claim 2, wherein A¹ is a (C₁-C₈)-
- 25 alkylene group; a substituted (C₁-C₈) alkylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-

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C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6) -alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group; a substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group; a (C_3-C_8) alkynylene group; or a substituted (C_3-C_8) alkynylene group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkoxy groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylthio groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C_1-C_6)alkylsulfonyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio(C_1-C_6)alkyl groups, (C_1-C_6) alkoxycarbonyl groups and phenyl group;

in the (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the substituted (C_1-C_8) alkylene group, the (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, the substituted (C_3-C_8) alkenylene group, the (C_3-C_8) -

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R¹ is a hydrogen atom; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group; a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group; a

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different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a phenylthio group; a substituted phenylthio group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups; a heterocyclic group; or a substituted heterocyclic group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, nitro group, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups,

halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups, mono(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups, di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino groups wherein the two alkyl groups may be the same or different, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl groups;

5 R¹ may bond with A¹ to form a 4- to 7-membered ring which may contain, as a ring-constituting atom(s), one or two same or different atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen atoms;

 R² and R³ may be the same or different and are
10 each a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group;

 Q¹ to Q⁴ may be the same or different and are each a carbon atom which may be substituted with X; X may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom, a nitro group, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl
15 group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a (C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkenyl group, a (C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, a halo(C₂-C₆)alkynyl group, a halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy group or a halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio group; the two Xs bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic
20 ring containing Q¹ to Q⁴ may bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups,
25 (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups, (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups;

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Q^5 is a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom;

Y may be the same or different when it is more than one, and is a halogen atom; a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl group; a (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl group; a halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy group; a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups and halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups; a phenyloxy group; a substituted phenyloxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups and halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups; a pyridyloxy group; or a substituted pyridyloxy group having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, cyano group, halo (C_1-C_6) alkyl groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylthio groups, halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfinyl groups and halo (C_1-C_6) alkylsulfonyl groups;

the two Ys bonding to the adjacent two carbon atoms constituting the aromatic ring containing Q^5 may

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bond to each other to form a condensed ring; the condensed ring may have one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms; (C₁-C₆)alkyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups; (C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups; (C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups; (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups; (C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups; phenyl group; and substituted phenyl groups having one or more same or different substituents selected from halogen atoms, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkoxy groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylthio groups, halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfinyl groups and halo(C₁-C₆)alkylsulfonyl groups;

m is an integer of 1 to 5;

Z¹ and Z² are each an oxygen atom.

4. An agrohorticultural composition characterized by containing, as an effective ingredient, an aromatic diamide derivative or a salt thereof according to any of Claims 1 to 3.

5. An agrohorticultural composition according to Claim 4, which is an insecticide.

6. A method for using an agrohorticultural composition according to Claim 4 or 5, characterized by applying the agrohorticultural composition to a target crop or soil in an effective amount to protect the crop or soil from pests.